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**Seong-Hwa Ceremony Philippe Jacques**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is my sad duty to announce the passing of our beloved brother and national leader of Belgium, Philippe Jacques. Philippe passed into the spirit world at 5.30 pm yesterday (26 July). He was 65 years old and had been national leader of Belgium for 12 years. The cause of his death was a severe case of leukaemia, Philippe is survived by his wife Yoko and their 19 year old daughter Mishio.

Throughout his church life Philippe demonstrated an unwavering faith in True Parents and a generous and loving heart towards those around him. In this challenging time let us support his wife and daughter in our prayers and wish Philippe well as he moves into the loving and eternal embrace of our Heavenly Parent.

The Seonghwa ceremony will take place coming Saturday, July 30, 2016.

It will start 12:00. Meeting place is at the church headquarters.

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Messages of condolences and support can be send  
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Flowers and wreaths can be send to the same address as above

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## Philippe Jacques 1951 – 2016



Philippe Jacques, the national leader of FFWPU in Belgium, ascended to the spirit world on July 26, 2016, after a fight with leukemia. He was 65.

Philippe was born on February 21, 1951, in the Belgian town of Boutersem into a very Catholic family with five children. His father was a well-known journalist for *La Libre Belgique*, one of the main daily newspapers in the nation. He has a brother who is a Catholic priest.

He joined Unification Church in 1979 together with his wife and their young daughter. However, after some time his wife left the church, taking their child.

Philippe was a very dedicated and devoted brother who went pioneering in France and participated in several international projects, including the mobilization to the United States. While he was living in the U.S., he learned English and also went fishing for 40 days.

For many years in Belgium he was in charge of a ginseng business, which he built into a great success. He became the national leader in 2005. Two years ago he donated his own house to the church to be the Belgian national headquarters.



As part of his tribal messiahship work, Philippe had a vast network of Ambassadors for Peace, a discussion group in his hometown, and was active with Korean War veterans. Philippe also did a lot of work in taking care of people in his neighborhood. He went to Israel three times with the Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI).

In 2015 Philippe worked with a TV documentary maker on the creation of a film about our church Blessing called *Take me to the Moon*, which was broadcast to an audience of 4 million viewers right before the Blessing in February 2016.

In 1992 Philippe was blessed with Yoko Tanabe from Japan in the 30,000 Couple Blessing in Korea. A few years later they adopted a daughter, Mishio, who was born on June 23, 1997.

In early 2015 Philippe began feeling ill and discovered he had leukemia. At first he underwent chemotherapy, but then discontinued it. Using natural therapies, he made a remarkable recovery. However, at the end of June 2016 he again fell ill. After several weeks at home he was taken to the hospital, where he went into a coma. He remained in a coma until his passing on July 26 at 5:30 p.m. His Seonghwa ceremony is scheduled to begin at 12 a.m. on Saturday, July 30.